

LAND USE MANAGEMENT (LUM)

Goal LUM 1: Provide comprehensive land use management based on a range of natural and socio-cultural resources.

Objective LUM 1.1: Implement clear direction for agricultural leasing and grazing on Reclamation lands.

Objective LUM 1.2: Provide clear direction regarding easements and rights-of-use on Reclamation lands.

Objective LUM 1.3: Define and protect necessary access routes for administrative purposes.

Mgt. Action LUM 1.3.1: Acquire administrative access if, and where, needed.

Objective LUM 1.4: Complete an evaluation of the Teton River within the study area for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System.

Mgt. Action LUM 1.4.1: Determine if the Teton River is eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System.

Mgt. Action LUM 1.4.2: Determine if the Teton River is suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System.

Goal LUM 2: Ensure protection of the public, and public resource values and facilities.

Objective LUM 2.1: Reduce vandalism.

Mgt. Action LUM 2.1.1: Investigate physical modifications to reduce access to the spillway and outlet works building to reduce graffiti and vandalism.

Mgt. Action LUM 2.1.2: Use vandal-resistant techniques and technologies for signs and any facilities such as restrooms.

Objective LUM 2.2: Manage wildfire risk in the river canyon and along the canyon rim.

Mgt. Action LUM 2.2.1: Provide fire prevention messages at areas of concentrated visitor use.

Mgt. Action LUM 2.2.2: Prohibit open fires consistent with BLM fire closures during periods of extreme fire danger.

Objective LUM 2.3: Identify and resolve current and future unauthorized uses such as trespasses and encroachments.

Goal LUM 3: Achieve timely implementation and coordination of RMP programs and projects.

Objective LUM 3.1: Update management agreement and continue cooperative efforts with BLM.

Objective LUM 3.2: Continue cooperative efforts with IDFG.

NATURAL RESOURCES (NAT)

Goal NAT 1: Conserve, restore, and enhance natural ecosystems.

Objective NAT 1.1: Provide information to reduce the spread of noxious weeds through a variety of mediums.

Objective NAT 1.2: Continue to work with IDFG, BLM, and local weed management entities on cooperative management controls of noxious weeds.

Objective NAT 1.3: Establish management actions to help prevent erosion in the river canyon.

Objective NAT 1.4: Minimize the potential for pollutants to enter the Teton River and its tributaries from Reclamation lands.

Objective NAT 1.5: Continue to work with IDFG to maintain and/or enhance the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout fishery and habitat in the Teton River Canyon.

Objective NAT 1.6: Protect, enhance, and restore native vegetation (e.g. bitterbrush, cottonwoods, willows), where feasible.

Objective NAT 1.7: Protect, enhance, and restore deer and elk winter habitat, where feasible.

Mgt. Action NAT 1.7.1: Close selected access points to winter public use for deer and elk habitat.

Objective NAT 1.8: Work with adjacent landowners and partners to protect resource values within the canyon and along the canyon rim.

Objective NAT 1.9: Monitor and track natural resource changes over time in the Teton River Canyon.

Mgt. Action NAT 1.9.1: Identify key sites to photograph annually, and maintain as a monitoring log. Photo-monitor invasive species, habitat recovery, and visitor impacts. Review and adapt management periodically.

Mgt. Action NAT 1.9.2: Using a demonstration project, test the effects on fisheries and other resources of removing a portion of a slide area constricting the river.

Objective NAT 1.10: Support BLM efforts for special designations of the Teton River Canyon.

Objective NAT 1.11: Protect habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species.

CULTURAL RESOURCES (CTA)

Goal CTA 1: Protect and preserve cultural resources, including prehistoric and historic-period archaeological sites and traditional cultural properties.

Objective CTA 1.1: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) seek to protect National Register-eligible sites from impacts from new undertakings.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.1.1: Complete pedestrian archaeological surveys when ground-disturbing actions are proposed in unsurveyed locations.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.1.2: Complete site evaluation actions to determine National Register eligibility of sites threatened by new actions, land use, or project operations, and address impacts to eligible sites.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.1.3: Design facilities to avoid or minimize cultural resource damage.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.1.4: Stabilize or protect significant cultural resource properties when avoidance is not possible.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.1.5: Complete tribal consultations, as necessary, to determine if TCPs are present in areas of new ground-disturbing actions, or in or near focused use areas. If present, assess and address impacts from new actions or existing use.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.1.6: If Indian tribes identify culturally important resources within new development areas, avoid adverse impacts to those resource locations when avoidance will accomplish broader agency responsibilities, is cost effective, and lies within Reclamation's authority.

Objective CTA 1.2: In accordance with Section 110 of NHPA, implement proactive management of cultural resources focusing on protecting identified resources from damage.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.2.1: Protect the Teton dam site for future nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Lay the groundwork for nomination through further documentation, mapping, recordation, and recording oral histories and interviews.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.2.2: Monitor the RMP study area annually to determine if erosion or land use is damaging cultural resources. If significant sites are being damaged, management actions will be implemented. If the site cannot be protected, mitigation may be considered.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.2.3: Protect human burials that are exposed or endangered by river operations, erosion, or land use. Unless the burials are clearly non-Indian, the tribes will be consulted upon the discovery of a burial, and procedures for protection, treatment, and disposition of the remains will be worked with the tribes in accordance with NAGPRA.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.2.4: Ensure that artifacts and other materials collected during surveys or under other circumstances are curated at the Archaeological Survey of Idaho, Eastern Repository, in accordance with 411 DM (Department of Interior Museum Property Handbook).

Objective CTA 1.3: Increase awareness of cultural resources compliance and protection requirements among resource management partners.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.3.1: Develop guidelines/procedures and provide training for IDF&G and other managing partners to increase awareness of the NHPA and other cultural resource statutory requirements.

Objective CTA 1.4: Provide opportunities for public education on area prehistory and history, including the importance of, and requirements for, protecting these resources.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.4.1: Prepare and provide educational information about resource values and area history at the site of the Teton Dam failure and other appropriate locations.

Mgt. Action CTA 1.4.2: Work with Tribes to appropriately address Tribal history and perspectives into educational and interpretive materials.

Goal CTA 2: Comply with requirements of Executive Order 13007 (Indian Sacred Sites)

Objective CTA 2.1: Avoid damage to Indian sacred sites (when present and identified), when avoidance is consistent with accomplishing Reclamation's mission and larger public responsibilities.

Mgt. Action CTA 2.1.1: Consult with Indian tribes when it appears that sacred sites might be present in areas of new ground-disturbance, or in locations where sacred sites might be damaged by existing public land uses. If present, seek to avoid damages and maintain access when implementing new actions.

Objective CTA 2.2: Allow for access by traditional religious practitioners to sacred sites, when consistent with mission.

Mgt. Action CTA 2.2.1: Consult when it appears that sacred sites might be present in areas of public use. If present, seek to resolve impacts and maintain access.

INDIAN TRUST ASSETS (ITA)

Goal ITA 1: Conduct Government-to-Government Consultation with Tribes to discuss the RMP

Objective ITA 1.1: Consult to the greatest extent practicable and to the extent permitted by law with tribal governments prior to taking actions that affect federally recognized tribal governments.

Mgt. Action ITA 1.1.1: Meet with Tribal Governments as appropriate.

Objective ITA 1.2: Protect Indian Trust Assets that may exist.

Mgt. Action ITA 1.2.1: Protect off-reservation rights of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes related to Tribal rights to hunt, fish or gather on the unoccupied lands of the United States.

Mgt. Action ITA 1.2.2: Coordinate with Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Fish and Game and Idaho Department of Fish and Game related to any tribal rights to hunt, fish or gather that may exist.

RECREATION, ACCESS & VISUAL QUALITY (RAV)

Goal RAV 1: Provide for recreation use within Reclamation's authorities, to afford a quality recreation experience consistent with natural and cultural resource management objectives.

Objective RAV 1.1: Maintain the existing semi-primitive recreation setting and experience, while providing for recreation opportunities and the continued protection of natural and cultural resources.

Objective RAV 1.2: Provide adequate access to the river canyon, where appropriate.

Mgt. Action RAV 1.2.1: Manage Spring Hollow access with the following actions:

- a) Improve boat ramp and turnaround to the degree possible within Reclamation's authorities and as physically allowed by the site.*
- b) Define parking areas if, and where needed, to prevent expansion, and prevent resource damage.*
- c) Provide sanitation facilities, if possible.*
- d) Provide minimal facilities and signs.*

Mgt. Action RAV 1.2.2: Manage the Teton Dam Site with the following actions:

- a) Improve boat ramp and turnaround to the degree possible within Reclamation's authorities and as physically allowed by the site.*
- b) Define parking areas if, and where needed, to prevent expansion, and prevent resource damage.*
- c) Provide sanitation facilities, if possible.*
- d) Provide minimal facilities and signs.*

Mgt. Action RAV 1.2.3: Sign all appropriate public access points to prevent trespassing on private lands and allow visitors access to the canyon.

Mgt. Action RAV 1.2.4: Pursue walk-in only summer access from the north side. Provide limited and defined parking area on rim.

Objective RAV 1.3: Monitor visitor use levels, minimize conflicts, and visitor use impacts.

Mgt. Action RAV 1.3.1: Compile and track use figures from outfitter and guide post-season use reports, make periodic parking lot counts and professional observations of visitors and use areas. Use portable traffic counting devices periodically as available. Take management actions, if necessary, to maintain the natural resource values of the river canyon, visitor safety, and a semi-primitive recreation experience.

Objective RAV 1.4: Coordinate with BLM on outfitter and guide use, authorized put-in and take-out points, and routine patrols.

Goal RAV 2: Preserve and enhance existing scenic quality.

Objective RAV 2.1: Manage to retain the existing visual character of the landscape.

Mgt. Action RAV 2.1.1: Assess the visual contrast of new proposed actions. All actions and activities may be seen but should not attract the attention of the casual observer. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be low.

Interpretation, Education & Information (IEI)

IEI Goal 1: Provide informational, educational, and interpretive messages through a variety of means to increase the public's awareness of opportunities, restrictions, safety, and natural and cultural resource values in the Teton River Canyon area.

Objective IEI 1.1: Provide interpretive information at the dam overlook site and other public access areas.

Mgt. Action IEI 1.1.1: Interpret the natural, cultural, and historical aspects of the Teton River Canyon, including the dam overlook site, through the use of one or more of the following alternatives:

(a) Brochures and website

(b) Interpretive signs

(c) Interpretive kiosk

(d) On site presence such as a host site and displays.

(e) Coordinate and share interpretive information and media with others, such as the Teton Flood Museum and through the website.

Objective IEI 1.2: Improve identification of Reclamation lands and recreational opportunities through signing, posting, and providing information on maps, brochures, and websites.

Objective IEI 1.3: Improve public awareness of rules and regulations on Reclamation lands.

Objective IEI 1.4: Coordinate with others on interpreting the natural and cultural history of the area.